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COMPUTER REPAIRS LED TO 30-MONTH SENTENCE FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

TOPEKA, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Clement J. Karlin, 52, Hays, has been sentenced to prison.

Karlin was sentenced Dec. 21, 2004 by U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to 30 months in federal prison to be followed by three years of supervised release on one count of possessing child pornography. Karlin pleaded guilty Sept. 24, 2004 to one count of possessing child pornography and a second count that provides for the forfeiture of his computer.

In his plea, Karlin admitted that on Sept. 11, 2001 he took his computer to Nex Tech, a company that repairs computers. While a technician was working to remove viruses from the computer, he came across photos he believed were child pornography and called the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Search warrants were issued and executed Sep. 12, 2001 for Karlin's computer, his house and his vehicle. Investigators seized 28 compact discs, which were analyzed by the Information Technology Center in Pocatello, Idaho. The forensics examination determined that eleven disks contained child pornography. The material that was seized included images of a prepubescent minor or a minor under the age of 12 years, and an image of anal sex with a small child.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway, who prosecuted the case.

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